

Murderer Sentenced to 50 Years

Other defendants face prison time for robbery, weapons, drug, and assault charges

A 34-year-old Newark man will spend the next 50 years in prison for a 2016 murder. A Superior Court judge sentenced Brian Goodwin after his July guilty plea to Murder Second Degree and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony for the April 2016 shooting death of 22-year-old Lauren Steed of New Castle. The investigation by Detective Hector Garcia of the New Castle County Police revealed that Goodwin had shot Steed at his home in New Castle, then reported the incident the following day. Goodwin was sentenced to 50 years in prison. Deputy Attorneys General Sonia Augusthy and A.J. Roop prosecuted the case.

Deputy Attorney General Jamie McCloskey secured a prison sentence for an Oxford, PA man for a robbery and attempted robbery during which he implied he had a gun. In January 2017, Joseph Potter, 33, demanded money from a cashier at the Wawa store at the corner of Route 40 and Salem Church Road in Bear, while holding what the clerk believed was a gun. Potter got cash and left the store. Later that day, Potter pulled up to the drive-thru window at the Taco Bell on Route 40 at Route 7, and handed the cashier a note demanding money. The cashier moved away from the window and Potter left without getting cash. Potter, a habitual offender because of previous felony convictions including theft and conspiracy, was sentenced to 13 years in prison, followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release, then 2 years of probation.

A 22-year-old Wilmington man faces a minimum of 12 years in prison after pleading guilty to drug and weapons charges. Deputy Attorney General Mark Denney secured pleas from Qudree

Warren to Drug Dealing (Tier 4 Cocaine), 2 counts of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, 2 counts of Disregarding a Police Officer's Signal, Possession of Ammunition by a Person Prohibited, and a Violation of Probation on a prior Robbery Second Degree conviction. In February 2017, police stopped a car driven by Warren for an unregistered license plate at the intersection of West 7th and North Van Buren Streets in Wilmington. As officers approached the car, Warren ran. A search of the vehicle turned up a box of ammunition. In March, police on the 200 block of South Harrison Street saw Warren leave a home carrying two bags. Warren dropped the bags and ran, but officers took him into custody after a short chase on foot. The bags contained crack cocaine and 2 loaded weapons. Warren, barred from having a gun or ammunition because of his prior robbery conviction, faces a minimum sentence of 12 years in prison when sentenced by a Superior Court judge later this year.

A Wilmington woman who stabbed her boyfriend will spend the next 7 years in prison. Deputy Attorney General Anna Currier secured the sentence for 34-year-old Latasha Stanford. In December 2016, Stanford and the victim, Arthur Lampkins, were drinking on the front porch of a home in the 900 block of East 17th Street in Wilmington when they began to argue. During the argument, Stanford took a knife and stabbed Lampkins in the abdomen. Stanford pled guilty in July 2017 to Assault Second Degree and Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony. A Superior Court judge sentenced Stanford to a total of 7 years in prison, followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release, then 1 year of probation.